

"With reference to previous correspondence, resting with my letter of 11 November, I am writing to say that we have gone carefully into the question of providing negative microfilm copies of the maps required by you. Unfortunately we do not have facilities available for reproducing copies of such large size material and I understand that the Deputy Keeper of the Records is unable to permit such material to leave the building for the purpose of reproduction elsewhere. It is possible that the National Archives, New Delhi, may be able to meet your requirements and you may wish to approach them on the matter."

Necessary arrangements should be made to make the microfilm copy of these materials available to scholars in India.

Standing Committee's views:

The National Archives of India will take up the matter with the India Office Library, London and do whatever possible.

L. Preparation of Contents of the Documents  
by Research Scholars

(25) Resolution by Dr. Durgaprasad Bhattacharya

"Resolved that all members of the Indian Historical Records Commission specially the Directors of Archives be requested to pursue the research workers handling unpublished manuscripts for research work to prepare, if possible, a content of each document handled and a copy of the same be submitted to the Directors of Archives. The Directors may forward the same to the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission. This effort may result in having gradually an idea of the subject matter of records lying scattered all over the country".

Explanatory note:

Such an attempt is being made by research workers of the Pre-Census Population Project and seems to be useful. A particular proceeding or memoir or consultation reveals nothing except when physically handled to obtain useful information; a research worker on population may be interested only in population statistics, but the same document may contain data on social conditions, prices, wages, land use, etc. Without much additional labour, a research worker may perhaps make a glance on the contents of each document handled if so desired. An annotated bibliography of records may thus starts its humble journey in this way.

Standing Committee's views:

This will be putting undue strain on the time and energy of the research scholars. This could perhaps be successful in the case of one Department or a Project, but not when the records to be consulted by the scholars in various repositories are vast and diversified.

M. Microfilm of the Manuscripts in Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, Calcutta

(26) Resolution by Prof. Tridibnath Ray

"Microfilm copies be made of the important and rare manuscripts kept in the library of Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, Calcutta and a photostat copy of each of these microfilms be kept in the library of Bangiya Sahitya Parishad so that the originals may not be removed or mishandled."